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## **To: Transportation Committee Members:**

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## Please support HB 383

The state/city highway department can currently take any residential neighborhood and change it to a major thorough way for commercial trucks and vehicles. There is no current regulation over the requirements for a future 'bypass' highways in our area. This can happen in any area including yours. Please support this bill and help set some requirements because some day this can affect your neighborhood just like it is ours. We should know that we can own a home and not risk receiving a letter one day stating the state will be needing our property for a highway. Not in a residential area, this should not be a risk to homeowners.

## **Highway Bypass Requirements!**

- 1. Support a 750 foot buffer zone between residential urban built up areas and Highway truck route.
- 2. Support a 750 foot buffer zone between new highways and lots served by public water and sewer.
- 3. Early in environmental impact statement notify by certified mail owners with in the buffer zone area.
- 4. Support the definition of a bypass: "A highway that circumvents areas of town to reduce congestion to the residents and to improve road safety hazards."
- 5. HB-383 protects property values and prevents the destruction of homes.
- **6. HB-383** protects against semi tractor-trailer traffic in single family neighborhoods.

We appreciate your support and time in this matter, Kind regards, Tony and Kristine Oostermeyer 1985 Mary Street Billings, MT 59105